

upturn in barley hectarage, wheat imports are still so enormous that this goal is impossible without massive, probably forced, changes in dietary patterns. At the same time President Chun called for the elimination of false statistics--those based on what the leadership wants to hear. But a bureaucracy that is predicated on a command system will have great difficulty in responding to both exhortations at the same time, for in the Korean context they are in conflict. It is likely that, as the political imperatives take precedence, agricultural research and guidance will be pushed to the utmost level to achieve targets and that statistics at the national level will be manipulated to prove compliance and success.

The Korean agricultural research system has thus been remarkably effective. It does contain an "Achilles Heel"--one that is not a product of its agricultural program, but rather of its political culture.